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1. RHODESIA PROPOSALS --

NIGERIAN AMB HARRIMAN, ASKING FOR UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE RHODESIA PROPOSALS, REMARKED THAT THE UKRAINIANS HAD JUST ASKED HIM FOR NIGERIA'S REACTIONS TO THE PROPOSALS. AMB MCHENRY RECOUNTED CURRENT STATE OF PLAY AND NOTED THAT, ASSUMING AFRICAN SUPPORT. US/UK NOW INTEND TO MOVE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL OF THE FIRST STEP -- THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE.

BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE INFORMED GROUP OF FIVE THAT THE UK EXPECTS TO FORMALLY ASK FOR AN SC MEETING SOMETIME IN THE LATTER HALF OF THE WEEK OF SEPT. 12. HE SAID THAT PENDING MINISTERIAL APPROVAL, UKDEL IS BEING CAUTIOUS IN DESCRIBING EXTENT OF ACTION THE SC MIGHT BE ASKED TO TAKE. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2949, 2952)

2. COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA ACTION ON WALVIS BAY --

FRG AMB VON WECHMAR (SEPTEMBER SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT) SPOKE TO THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, INDIAN AMB JAIPAL, ABOUT THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA'S CALL FOR SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION ON WALVIS BAY. JAIPAL
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SAID HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD THE UNFORTUNATE EFFECT SC CONSIDERATION COULD HAVE ON THE WESTERN FIVE INITIATIVE ON NAMIBIA. HE THOUGHT THE COUNCIL'S INTENTIONS HAD BEEN MISUNDERSTOOD; IT HAD ONLY EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT IT EXPECTS THE SC TO TAKE MEASURES TO MAINTAIN THE STATUS OF WALVIS BAY AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL TERRITORY OF NAMIBIA. HE SAID HE PLANS TO WRITE THE SC PRESIDENT ASKING THE SC TO TAKE NOTE OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA'S CONCERN, BUT WILL NOT REQUEST AN SC MEETING.

WHEN AMB MCHENRY ASKED SOUTH AFRICAN CHARGE EKSTEEN IF HE KNEW BASIS OF VORSTER'S STATEMENT THAT COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA ACTION WAS TAKEN "WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND APPROVAL OF THE FIVE WESTERN COUNTRIES," EKSTEEN SAID IF ANY SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION WAS TAKEN IT WOULD HAVE TO BE WITH KNOWLEDGE AND APPROVAL OF THE FIVE. MCHENRY SUGGESTED THE ISSUE WAS NOT SC ACTION BUT VORSTER'S TOTALLY UNFOUNDED CHARGE ABOUT ACTION OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA. HE POINTED OUT THAT NONE OF THE FIVE WAS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA AND THUS IN NO POSITION TO EITHER APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE OF ITS ACTION, NEITHER DID WE HAVE ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR ACTIONS. MCHENRY ALSO RECALLED THAT IT HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR

TO SAG THAT ANY ACTION ON THE QUESTION OF WALVIS BAY WAS BOUND TO COMPLICATE EFFORTS TO FIND AN ACCEPTABLE INTERNATIONAL SOLUTION. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2930, 2948)

3. WESTERN FIVE AND NAMIBIA --

WESTERN FIVE AGREED ON INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONS IN PRETORIA ON QUESTION OF INVITATION TO SOUTH AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES TO MEET WITH THE CONTACT GROUP SEPT. 19-20. FRENCH REPRESENTATIVE REPORTED THAT IN PARIS DISCUSSIONS SWAPO PRESIDENT NUJOMA STATED SWAPO ACCEPTS INVITATION TO MEET WITH THE FIVE ON OCT. 12 IN DAR ES SALAAM OR NEW YORK. SWAPO DISCUSSIONS WITH FRENCH REVEALED LITTLE THAT WAS NEW. NUJOMA HAD SAID SWAPO WAS PREPARED TO MEET WITH
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NAMIBIA ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL STEYN AS HEAD OF A SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION BUT NOT AS ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL OF NAMIBIA IN ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT. HE REITERATED SWAPO WAS PREPARED TO SUPPORT A CEASEFIRE AND A UN RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA WHICH SET FORTH CLEARLY THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL AND THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2946, 2947, 2962)

4. DISCUSSION WITH MP MARGARET THATCHER --

BRITISH CONSERVATIVE LEADER MARGARET THATCHER CALLED ON AMB YOUNG, AND THE DISCUSSION CENTERED PRINCIPALLY ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES. SHE PROBED EXTENSIVELY AROUND POSSIBILITY OF AN INTERNAL SOLUTION IN RHODESIA, STRONGLY OPPOSED THOUGHT OF SANCTIONS, AND EXPRESSED CONVICTION THAT SOUTH AFRICA WILL GRADUALLY REFORM ITS INTERNAL SYSTEM. YOUNG TOLD HER INTER ALIA THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS BECOME CONVINCED THAT NONE OF THE RHODESIAN PARTIES WANTS A CIVIL WAR AND IT IS ON THAT BASIS HE HOPES ALL REASONABLE RHODESIANS WILL ACCEPT THE BASIC ASSURANCES IN OUR PLAN AND SUPPORT EFFORTS TOWARD A NEGOTIATED SOLUTION. HE SPOKE OF THE ECONOMIC PRESSURES AT WORK ON SOUTH AFRICA, AND MRS. THATCHER SAID "WE COULD NEVER AGREE" TO UN ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA AND TALKED AT SOME LENGTH OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO WESTERN WORLD OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. BOTH MRS. THATCHER AND AMB YOUNG AGREED ON IMPORTANCE OF ACHIEVING SOLUTIONS TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2931)

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5. DRAFT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS --

INDIAN AMB JAIPAL PRODUCED NEW DRAFT RESOLUTION ON CYPRUS
WHICH APPEARS TO BE HIS PERSONAL ATTEMPT TO REACH A GENERALLY
ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE (SURFACING OF THIS TEXT PROBABLY HEADED
OFF MOVE TO VOTE IN THE SC SEPT. 9 ON BENIN'S DRAFT). CANADA,
THE FRG AND UK SHARE USUN'S RESERVATIONS ABOUT EXPRESSION OF
CONCERN OVER THE "SITUATION CAUSED BY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE
NEW FAMAGUSTA AREA." THEY WILL BE SEEKING INSTRUCTIONS, BUT
AT THIS MOMENT THE UK SEEMS INCLINED TO ABSTAIN AND THE FRG AND
CANADA ARE ON THE FENCE. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2960, 2961)

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6. SECURITY COUNCIL -- CYPRUS

THE SC, WHICH HAD HELD MEETINGS AUG. 31 AND SEPT. 1 AND 2
ON THE COMPLAINT BY CYPRUS THAT THE SITUATION IN THE ISLAND WAS

"SERIOUSLY DETERIORATING" AS A RESULT OF TURKISH ACTIONS, INCLUDING WHAT CYPRUS SAID WAS A MOVE "TO COLONIZE THE NEW FAMAGUSTA AREA," RESUMED DEBATE SEPT. 9, HEARING BRIEF STATEMENTS BY CYPRIOT FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES AND, UNDER RULE 39, TURK CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVE CELIK. PRESIDENT VON WECHMAR (FRG) SAID THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING WOULD BE ANNOUNCED AFTER CONSULTATIONS.

FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES SAID HE FOUND IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE SC, TWO WEEKS AFTER IT HAD BEEN URGENTLY CONVENED, WAS STILL UNABLE TO REACH A DECISION ON SUCH CRITICAL ISSUES AS TURKEY'S PERSISTENT VIOLATIONS OF THE RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS AND ITS "ILLEGAL MOVES TO COLONIZE EVEN THE NEW FAMAGUSTA AREA." HE NOTED THERE HAD NOT YET BEEN ANY STATEMENTS FROM A NUMBER OF SC MEMBERS. IT WAS LOGICAL TO ASSUME, IN HIS VIEW, THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD WISH TO CALL ON TURKEY TO DESIST FROM ANY UNILATERAL ACTION IN THE NEW FAMAGUSTA AREA AND ELSEWHERE. HE CALLED FOR FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL THE RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS, AND SUGGESTED PERHAPS AN SC COMMITTEE COULD BE ESTABLISHED TO STUDY, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE SYG, MEANS OF BRINGING ABOUT THEIR IMPLEMENTATION. HE SAID IT SEEMED STRANGE THAT SOME MEMBERS WERE UNWILLING TO SPELL OUT IN A RESOLUTION VIEWS ON WHICH VIRTUALLY ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS SEEMED TO AGREE, AND ADDED THAT TO A SMALL COUNTRY LIKE CYPRUS THIS ATTITUDE DID NOT SEEM COMPATIBLE WITH THE GREAT RESPONSIBILITIES ENTRUSTED TO THE SC.

CELIK SAID THERE HAD BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE SITUATION. THERE WAS NO "CRISIS," UNLESS IT WAS "THE ONE PRECIPITATED BY THE GREEK CYPRIOTS FOR INTERNAL POLITICAL REASONS." AGREEMENT HAD BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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REACHED ON A FRAMEWORK FOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SOLUTION, AND THE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE. NO CONSENSUS HAD BEEN REACHED IN THE SC BECAUSE THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WERE INSISTING ON A ONE-SIDED RESOLUTION, AND IN ANY CASE, A RESOLUTION, OF WHICH THERE WERE ALREADY ENOUGH, DID NOT MEAN A SOLUTION.

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7. UNFICYP --

SHERRY (SECRETARIAT) STATED THAT THE UN HAS ALREADY URGED CYPRIOT FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES TO MAKE PERSONAL EFFORT WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS WHICH THE UN HAS IDENTIFIED AS LAGGARD ON UNFICYP CONTRIBUTIONS, BUT CHRISTOPHIDES HAD SHOWN LITTLE INTEREST. SHERRY DOUBTED HE WOULD MAKE MUCH, IF ANY, EFFORT ALONG THOSE LINES. SECRETARIAT, HE SAID, WOULD SOON HAVE TO REACH DECISION ON WHETHER TO REPLACE FINNISH CONTINGENT, BUT WAS RELUCTANT TO DO SO (THOUGH REQUIRED BY CYPRUS SITUATION) IN VIEW OF DECLINING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR UNFICYP, HE ASKED WHETHER US WOULD MAINTAIN ITS CONTRIBUTION AT LEAST AT CURRENT

LEVEL. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2945)

8. RESUMED 31ST SESSION --

THE G-77 APPROVED G-27 DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR THE RESUMED 31ST SESSION WITH ONLY MINOR CHANGES AND SUBMITTED IT TO THE SECRETARIAT FOR SPEEDIEST POSSIBLE DISTRIBUTION. THEY HAVE ALSO PROPOSED AN INITIAL INFORMAL MEETING WITH OTHER GROUPS SEPT. 12 IN ORDER TO OBTAIN GENERAL REACTIONS TO THEIR DRAFT. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 2925, 2939)

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AUSTRALIANS, REPORTING ON DISCUSSION ON ORGANIZATION OF RESUMED SESSION HELD BY 31ST GA PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE (SRI LANKA), USYG BUFFUM AND REGIONAL GROUP CHAIRMEN, SAID LIMITED GENERAL CONFIDENTIAL

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DEBATE IN PLENARY IS CONTEMPLATED WHICH CONCEIVABLY COULD BE COMPLETED AT SEPT. 13 MEETING. DEBATE WOULD BEGIN WITH SYG STATEMENT, FOLLOWED BY: AMERASINGHE, FORMER CIEC VICE CHAIRMEN FROM VENEZUELA AND CANADA; AN EASTERN EUROPEAN (PROBABLY SOVIET AMBASSADOR); AKHUND (PAKISTAN) ON BEHALF G-77; AND SHORT STATEMENTS BY A LIMITED NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS. WORK WOULD THEN SHIFT TO COMMITTEE 2, WHICH WOULD MOVE QUICKLY TO INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP FOR NEGOTIATION ON DRAFT RESOLUTION. (USUN 2933)

9. DRAFT RESOLUTION ON OUTER SPACE --

AUSTRIAN MISOFF HOLZER CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS OF THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE A DRAFT RESOLUTION FOR THE 32ND GA WHICH WOULD REQUEST THE COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE ITS WORK AND RECOMMEND FUTURE WORK FOR THE LEGAL AND THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEES. (USUN 2928)

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10. COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL GA ON DISARMAMENT --

THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE SPECIAL GA ON DISARMAMENT COMPLETED ITS SESSION SEPT. 9, APPROVING BY CONSENSUS ITS PROGRESS REPORT WHICH CONTAINS A PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION AND RECOMMENDS TO THE GA THAT THE SESSION SHOULD BE HELD MAY 23-JUNE 28, 1978 IN NEW YORK. IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE SESSION IN NEW YORK THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT THE PHASE OF CONSTRUCTION WORK AT HEADQUARTERS SHOULD BE ALTERED TO MAKE THE GA HALL AVAILABLE FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION IN 1978. PREPCOM WILL MEET AGAIN JAN. 24-FEB. 24 AND APRIL 10-21, 1978. IN CONNECTION WITH A PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN THE DENMARK-FINLAND-NORWAY-SWEDEN WORKING PAPER ENTITLED "DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT: PROPOSAL FOR A UN STUDY," THE COMMITTEE DECIDED THAT THE GA SHOULD INITIATE THE STUDY AND THAT "THE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE STUDY" SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE GA ITSELF, AND FURTHER, THAT DECISIONS IN THAT RESPECT SHOULD BE TAKEN BY THE SPECIAL SESSION.

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11. SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD) --

STAFF LEVEL GROUP OF WESTERN DELS HAVE COMPLETED LATEST REVISION OF DRAFT DECLARATION ON DISARMAMENT, WHICH REPRESENTS COMPROMISE AMONG VARIOUS COUNTRY VIEWS AND SEEKS TO INCORPORATE AS FAR AS POSSIBLE UNOBJECTIONABLE LANGUAGE FAVORED BY NONALIGED IN EARLIER DRAFT WORKING PAPER SUBMITTED BY SRI LANKA IN MAY. TEXT IS BEING CIRCULATED INFORMALLY TO PREPCOM MEMBERS BY NORWAY, AUSTRALIA AND JAPAN. FOLLOWING REVIEW IN CAPITALS, A REVISED TEXT WILL BE CIRCULATED AS OFFICIAL WORKING PAPER OF SSOD PREPCOM DURING GA DISARMAMENT DEBATE IN OCTOBER. THE NONALIGED WERE UNABLE TO AGREE ON A REVISION OF THEIR

PRELIMINARY DRAFT PAPER SUBMITTED BY SRI LANKA, AND USUN UNDERSTANDS THEY PLAN TO MEET THIS FALL TO IRON OUT A REDRAFT.

SOVIETS CONTINUE TO TAKE CONSERVATIVE, DAMAGE-LIMITING APPROACH TO SSOD, VIEWING IT MAINLY AS STEPPING STONE TO A WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. THE FRENCH IMPLIED THEY WOULD BE TAKING A NEW APPROACH TO DISARMAMENT IN THE GA, BUT WOULD PROBABLY NOT HAVE THEIR NEW PROPOSAL READY BEFORE THE SPECIAL SESSION. WHILE WORK OF THE PREPCOM WAS MAINLY PROCEDURAL, NON-CONFRONTATIONAL ATMOSPHERE PREVAILED. AMONG ISSUES USUN SEES LOOMING AHEAD AS PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT IN SEARCH FOR CONSENSUS ARE APPROACH TO NON-PROLIFERATION, NATURE AND SCOPE OF PROGRAM OF ACTION, NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR NEGOTIATING MACHINERY, AND THE DISARMAMENT/ DEVELOPMENT LINK. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2941, 2942)

12. VIRGIN ISLANDS VISITING MISSION REPORT --
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USUN LEARNED THAT AFTER MANY CHANGES AND POSTPONEMENTS, THE REPORT OF THE UN VISITING MISSION TO THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS IS EXPECTED TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24 ON SEPT. 13, AND THAT IT WILL BE ADOPTED AT A LATER MEETING. AN ANALYSIS OF THE REPORT SHOWS THAT MOST -- BUT NOT ALL --US-SUGGESTED CHANGES WERE INCORPORATED. IN PARTICULAR, THE EGREGIOUS DISTORTIONS OF GOVERNOR KING'S STATEMENTS HAVE ALL BEEN CORRECTED. IT HAS NOT YET BEEN DECIDED WHETHER THE REPORT WILL BE ADOPTED BY A CONSENSUS DECISION (OR STATEMENT) -- WHICH THE US PREFERS -- OR A RESOLUTION. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2932)

13. UN RESTRUCTURING --

"FRIENDS OF THE CHAIRMAN" AGREED TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO DRAFT A CONSENSUS TEXT FOR THE UN COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING. IT IS CLEAR LITTLE PROGRESS CAN BE MADE IN THE SECTIONS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW UNTIL THE MAJOR ISSUES IN SECTION 8 (SECRETARIAT SUPPORT SERVICES) ARE RESOLVED AND THE SHAPE OF THE OVERALL PACKAGE BECOMES CLEAR. CHAIRMAN DADZIE IS OBVIOUSLY PUSHING THE "FRIENDS" TO WIND UP THEIR WORK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT THE CONTACT GROUP AND THE COMMITTEE CAN MEET AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER AND THE FINAL REPORT BE SUBMITTED TO THE GA VIA ECOSOC IN EARLY NOVEMBER. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 2934)

14. UK CANDIDACY FOR WORLD FOOD COUNCIL BOARD --

AT WEO GROUP MEETING, UK REPRESENTATIVE STATED UK

INADVERTENTLY FAILED TO ANNOUNCE ITS INTEREST IN BEING
WEO CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WORLD FOOD
COUNCIL. FORMAL GROUP ENDORSEMENT WAS WITHHELD PENDING
CONSULTATIONS AMONG THE FOUR INTERESTED PARTIES, I.E.,
DENMARK, THE NETHERLANDS, ITALY, AND NOW UK. (LIMITED
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15. NGO PARTICIPATION IN WORLD CONFERENCE ON RACISM --

THE SECRETARIAT HAS PREPARED SUGGESTED CRITERIA FOR NGO
PARTICIPATION IN THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON RACISM WHICH IT
WILL SOON COMMUNICATE TO ECOSOC PRESIDENT SMID (CZECH-
OSLOVAKIA) IN THE HOPE THAT SMID WILL CONDUCT INFORMAL
NEGOTIATIONS IN ORDER TO HAVE A SOLUTION BEFORE THE RESOMED
ECOSOC SESSION. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 2938)
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